

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER**  
**Regular Township Board Meeting**  
**October 11, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen  
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen  
Trustee, Jim Frederick  
Trustee, Dan Williams  
Trustee, Adam Tuinstra  
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Treasurer, Carol DeHaan

Chief Emig and 6 interested people. Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Items on the consent agenda:

- a) Board Meeting Minutes of September 2022
- b) Receipts and Disbursements Report
- c) September 2022 KCSO Calls for Service Report
- d) Monthly Ordinance Enforcement Report
- e) Treasurers Reports

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted any items remove from the consent agenda. Motion by Frederick, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda as written. Motion carried 6-0.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

Janssen asks that we add a quote from Hi-Tech to the agenda. Motion by Tuinstra, supported by Williams to approve the agenda as amended.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

1. Resident asked about 10501 N 16<sup>th</sup> Street and why it is listed as condemned? Supervisor responded that any owner who purchases the property would have to pull permits to bring the house back up to code. The supervisor said he could check with SMBA and more details about the condition of the home.
2. Resident mentioned that he had an incident with someone trespassing in his barn.

**CONSIDER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Motion by Janssen, supported by Frederick to approve the reports and the Fire Departments request to use approximately \$80,000.00 ARPA funds for the double set of extrication tools. Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 22-228 WAIVING 3% PENALTY:**

Motion by Janssen, supported by Tuinstra to adopt Resolution 22-228.

Roll Call Vote:

YES: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, Tuinstra, Williams

NO: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 22-229 WAIVING 1% PENALTY**

Motion by Frederick, supported Williams to adopt Resolution 22-229.

Roll Call Vote:

YES: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, Tuinstra, Williams

NO: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 22-230 TO WAIVE INTEREST AND PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE PTA:**

Motion by Janssen, supported by Tuinstra to adopt Resolution 22-230.

Roll Call Vote:

YES: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, Tuinstra, Williams

NO: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION 22-231 TO ADOPT 80-20 EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COSTS PER PA 152:**

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Williams to adopt Resolution 22-231.

Roll Call Vote:

YES: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, Sorensen, Tuinstra, Williams

NO: none

ABSENT: DeHaan

Motion Carried 6-0.

**DISCUSSION – PARCHMENT AREA WATER PROJECT.**

**DISCUSSION – 2022/2023 ROAD PROJECTS AND PAYMENTS REPORT:**

**CONSIDER APPOINTING VERN JOHNSON TO SERVE A PARTIAL TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION DUE TO JASON WIERSMA MOVING OUT OF THE TOWNSHIP. PARTIAL TERM TO EXPIRE FEBRUARY 2023.**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Tuinstra to appoint. Motion Carried 6-0.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM GULL LAKE SEWER AND WATER.**

For information only...other avenues of funding are being investigated.

**CONSIDER THE QUOTE FOR IT EQUIPMENT FROM HI-TECH.**

Motion by Frederick, supported by Janssen to purchase. Motion carried 6-0.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Williams mentioned he had heard from other boards that in the winter they convert board meetings to earlier hours instead of 7pm.

Tuinstra asked if the County Parks Dept has contacted us about the Master Plan that is supposed to include some Cooper Township property on the river. Jeff said he spoke with the county and they are still working on finalizing their Master Plan.

Janssen commented that the 2022 Election Security Grant has been sent out.

Frederick mentioned that he appreciated the Prosecution Report that is provided monthly. He also mentioned that a young couple he knows is leaving the township because of some properties that are bringing down property values.

Vlietstra thanked the board for the opportunity to go to the MTA summit this week.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

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Attested: Jeff Sorensen, Supervisor

I, the undersigned DeAnna Janssen, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Charter Township of Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 11th day of October 2022.

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DeAnna Janssen, Clerk  
Cooper Charter Township